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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KIKINIS ET AL.

Examiner

Thjuan P Knowlin

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 March 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 31 August 1999 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other:

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

1. Claims 1-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sonesh et al (US 6,046,762).
2. In regards to claims 1, 8, 15, 20, 22, and 23, Sonesh discloses a method and system for establishing a remote agent station (Fig. 1 and remote call agents 121 and Fig. 5 and remote agents 503)) from a call center (Fig. 1 and local call agents 120) and Fig. 5 and call centers 501 and 502), comprising steps of: establishing a data link between a computer platform at the remote agent station and a CTI processor connected to a telephony switch at the call center (col. 6 lines 34-37 and col. 9-10 lines 63-4); determining to switch a selected one of the incoming calls to an agent at the remote agent station; retrieving data associated with the selected incoming call from a database (database server 130) at the call center (col. 5 lines 44-50 and col. 6 lines 49-58); forwarding the data associated with the selected incoming call to the computer platform at the remote agent station via the data link; placing a call from the call center

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to a telephone at the remote agent station; and switching the selected incoming call to the remote agent station (col. 10 lines 5-32).

3. In regards to claims 2 and 9, Sonesh discloses a method, wherein the CTI processor at the call center and the computer platform at the remote agent station each have a modem connected by a telephony line to a telephony network, and the data link is established by the computer platform dialing up the CTI processor through the telephony network (col. 6-7 lines 63-7, col. 8 lines 56-67, and col. 9-10 lines 63-17).

4. In regards to claims 3, 10, 16, and 24, Sonesh discloses the method and system, wherein the telephony network is a publicly-switched telephony network (Fig. 1 and PSTN 111).

5. In regards to claims 4, 11, and 25, Sonesh discloses the method, wherein the CTI processor at the call center is adapted as an Internet server, and the data link is established by the computer platform at the remote agent station dialing up an Internet service provider and establishing an Internet connection to the CTI processor (col. 6 lines 49-58, col. 8 lines 31-39, col. 9-10 lines 63-4, and col. 10 lines 33-65).

6. In regards to claims 5, 6, 12, 13, 17, and 18, Sonesh discloses the method, wherein the data forwarded is displayed as a screen pop on a video display connected to the computer platform at the remote agent station (col. 6 lines 34-55 and col. 7 lines 24-32).

7. In regards to claims 7, 14, and 19, Sonesh discloses the method, wherein first control routines executing at the CTI processor and second control routines executing at the computer platform at the remote agent station are adapted to cooperate over the

data link to provide call center services to the agent at the remote agent station (col. 6 lines 49-58 and col. 10 lines 5-32).

8. In regards to claim 21, Sonesh discloses the system, wherein the data connection is established prior to a first call being switched to the remote agent station, and is maintained open thereafter as further calls are switched to the remote agent station (col. 10 lines 5-9).

Response to Arguments

9. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-25 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Neyman (US 6,215,783) teaches a private IP telephony backbone linking widely-distributed enterprise sites.


11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thjuan P Knowlin whose telephone number is (703) 308-1727. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:00-4:30pm.

12. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar can be reached on (703)305-4731. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9314 for regular communications and (703) 872-9314 for After Final communications.

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13. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

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